



Cat Trapping Guidelines

1. It is cruel and inhumane to leave any animal in a trap for an extended period of time. A trapper is responsible for any animal caught on their property. Do not leave the trap unattended. If you cannot check the trap on an hourly basis **DO NOT SET THE TRAP**. If an animal becomes unnecessarily injured due to neglect, the trapper will receive a citation under California Law 597.1 P.C. Animal Neglect/Animal Cruelty. You will also be billed for Veterinary care required if an animal is injured while in your trap.
 2. Traps must be set only during daylight hours and checked hourly for pickup after 8am and prior to 4:30pm. There is no pickup or drop off of trapped animals before 8am or after 4:30pm. The Humane Society is closed on Mondays and drop-off is not an option.
 3. NEVER trap after dark.
 4. Set trap at cat's normal feeding time, usually early morning, by placing the food and water in the very back of the trap. Place the water in a container that can not be easily knocked over.
 5. Place trap in a quiet and safe place where the cat will be out of the elements (winter or summer) and will remain at a comfortable temperature/dryness level. Do not trap cats when it is raining or expected to rain, or in extreme heat conditions.
 6. Once the cat is trapped, immediately cover the trap with a towel to calm the animal down and call San Gabriel Valley Humane Society for San Gabriel or Temple City (626) 286-1159. If you are unable to make contact with these agencies, please call Temple City Sheriff Department (626) 285-7171 or San Gabriel Police Department (626) 308-2828.
 7. Never attempt to transfer a trapped cat to another container. Do not attempt to provide food or water after the cat is in the trap, as the cat can be aggressive and may bite.
 8. Do not trap a mother cat with kittens less than 4 weeks old unless you are going to bottle feed the babies.
 9. Please do not set your trap prior to a holiday. No holiday pickups will be available for trapped animals.
 10. Do not trap Wildlife. If a skunk, raccoon or opossum is in your trap they will be released on the property. Be sure that you do not have pet food or water outdoors and that trash can lids are secure. Wildlife are looking for food and if there is none, they will move on. Any trap containing skunks must be covered completely by a sheet or blanket. Do not cover with tarps or plastic.
- Traps must not exceed a length of 26 inches, a width of 12 inches and a height of 12 inches. Any traps not conforming to these specifications will not be accepted for pickup. If you have any questions about your trap, please contact the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society and an Animal Control Officer will call on you to inspect and approve your trap.**